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Enclosed for filing is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOAD BALANCING IN NETWORK
PROCESSING DEVICE

This application is a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 09/676,046, filed September 28, 2000 entitled SCHEDULING AND ARBITRATION SCHEME FOR NETWORK PROCESSING DEVICE.

Applicant requests FIG. 1 to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

- Specification (pages 1-17); claims (pages 18-21); abstract (page 22)
- 14 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings
- Declaration or Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Newly executed (original or copy)
- Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Deletion of Inventors (signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))
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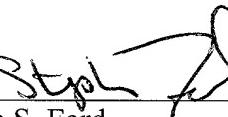
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